

your patriotism in ensuring our nation remains free and safe.

To the families who lost loved ones on that fateful day, we continue to grieve and promise to never forget their memory.

May God bless those who lost their lives, those who risked their lives and are now dealing with the consequences today, and our brave men and women who continue to fight the global war on terrorism.

CONGRATULATING THE OLYMPIC
TAVERN IN ROCKFORD ON ITS
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Olympic Tavern for its 75th anniversary of serving the Rockford area.

Anthony Rotella founded The Olympic Tavern in 1945 when he returned from serving overseas in the U.S. Armed Forces. As a cook in the U.S. Marines, he figured he could use his knowledge and experience to open a restaurant, which has become a staple in the

Rockford community for the last 75 years. Zak Rotello, Anthony's grandson, currently runs the restaurant and has maintained 95 percent of his pre-pandemic staff during the last year. Zak credits his father, Tom, his grandfather, Anthony, and their staff, for keeping the doors open for all these years, always providing great service and great food. I commend the Olympic Tavern and its team of management and staff, who commit every day to serve the public.

It is because of strong community business leaders such as Zak Rotello of the Olympic Tavern that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Olympic Tavern on its 75th Anniversary.